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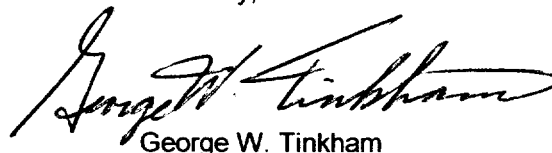
Re: Docket NHTSA 2003-14375

Dear Sir or Madam:

The above-referenced docket proposes that NHTSA conduct 12-minute interviews of riders in 7 states to "reduce motorcycle injuries and deaths by providing updated information about rider operator characteristics, attitudes, and behaviors."

The proposed interviews cannot be as effective as a crash causation study. I agree with the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) that NHTSA should not expend its resources on such interviews, but should use those valuable and finite resources to develop and deliver skill training to riders and to increase motorcycle awareness by motorists. I join with MRF in asking that NHTSA undertake a major crash causation study employing "Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Common Methodology." I specifically request that NHTSA scrap its plan to interview motorcyclists and, instead, conduct a truly effective study.

Sincerely,



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